(b) and (c) The details of the scheme will be drawn up by the State Governments, including that of Maharashtra, and implemented by them after they are processed by the nodal Ministry of the Government that is the Department of Justice.

Implementation of Central Schemes in Gujarat

*191. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has conducted any study regarding effective implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken so far to make these schemes more effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The Planning Commission has not conducted any study regarding effective implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the State of Gujarat. Schemes are monitored by administrative Ministries concerned. The Planning Commission generally reviews the implementation of Plan schemes during the Annual Plan discussions with the States.

Output per Manshift of Coal

*192. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the output per manshift of coal in developed and developing countries and in India as on date;

(b) what are the technological and other differences responsible for disparities in output per manshift in India and in other developed and under developing countries;

(c) whether it is a fact that about 9,000 workers are retired in CIL by way of Voluntary Retirement Scheme and normal retirement; and

(d) if so, what is the average number of workers to seek voluntary retirement under the scheme and what are the aggregate benefits to the workers thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Available productivity figures for 1990-91 in respect of some of the major coal producing countries of the world are as under:—

Countries	*Underground*	*Opencast*
Australia (Queensland)	14.9	30.6
United States	19.3	47.7
China	1.3	Not available
France	3.9	—do—
Germany	4.1	—do—
Poland	1.9	—do—

(b) Output per manshift (OMS) in respect of mechanised opencast mines in India is comparable with that of other advanced countries. However, reasons for overall low OMS in Indian perticularly the underground mines are as under:—

(i) Majority of the underground mines are old, extensive and worked manually.

(ii) Many underground mines are having geo-mining problems like steep and multiple seams, occurrence of fires and water logged old workings in adjoining area, built up surface structures which need protection by sand stowing etc. requiring employment of sizeable workforce for dealing with such unproductive activities.

(iii) High rate of absenteeism.

(iv) Coal companies are required to provide supporting services for workshops, ware-houses, water sup-

ply, colony maintenance etc. through departmental workforce, which gets added to the total manpower for computation of output per manshift lowering the overall productivity figure

(v) Power shortage and frequent interuptions in power supply in Eastern region in ECL. BCCL and CCL mines.

(c) and (d) As per information received from Coal India Limited, during 1992-93, the number of employees retired on superannuation was 5644 and 6232 employees opted for retirement under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS). Besides payment of notice pay, gratuity, contributory provident fund and leave encashment as per rules/standing orders the scheme provides for an ex-gratia payment equivalent to one and a half months wages for each completed year of service or monthly wages at the time of retirement multiplied by the balance number of months of service left before normal date of retirement, whichever is less.

Shortage of Spare Parts and Machinery in Coal Mines

*193. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Coal Mines under CIL affected due to shortage of spare parts and machinery during the last three years;

(b) what are the factors behind such shortages;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to regulate their supplies to ensure smooth work in coal mines; and

(d) the extent to which CIL's modernisation programme is affected by the shortage of spare parts and machinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) By and large coal mines under Coal India Limited have not been affected during the last three years due to shortage of spare parts and machinery as evident from the production performance of Coal India Limited achieved in the recent past. However, occasionally some mines under CIl have faced temporary shortage of equipment and spares due to delayed erection/commissioning or delayed delivery/supply.

(b) Shortage of equipment is generally noticed on account of delayed delivery, erection, commissioning; because of excessive cost of imported spares or for unforeseen break-down, particularly in respect of indigenised spares/assemblies/subassemblies.

(c) Government have constantly reviewed and interacted regarding the supply etc. of critical equipment with the coal companies as well as with the Original Equipment Manufacturers, most of whom are public sector undertakings. Besides, it has, inter-alia, taken the following important decisions:

(1) Stocking of floats/assemblies/subassemblies.

(2) Standardisation of spares.

(3) Computer net-working of Central Stores of CIL and codification of spares.

(4) Evolving uniform maintenance norms.

(5) Emphasising on rehabilitation of equipment rather than fresh purchases.

(d) CIL is going ahead with its modernisation programme without any serious bottlenecks. However, some difficulties have been noticed regarding utilisation of equipment of Russian origin due to non-availability of spares.

National Agency on Prices of Commodities

*194. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a national agency